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## AT A GLANCE – THE ELEVATOR SPEECH

- Founded in San Francisco in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope is the **first women’s organization of its kind established** in the United States.
- Since 1929, the **Daughters of Penelope has initiated thousands of members into our 250 chapters worldwide**. With chapters in the United States, Canada, Australia, Greece, England, France, Germany, Austria, and Belgium, our mission and outreach is constantly growing.
- The Daughters of Penelope is an **international women’s organization promoting Hellenism and leading in philanthropic, educational, and civic activities through community service and volunteerism**.
- **Philanthropy and Volunteerism have been pillars** for the Daughters of Penelope over its many years of existence.
- From natural disaster relief, to raising funds to eliminate life threatening diseases, to making significant contributions to our local municipalities, the **Daughters of Penelope is at the forefront of charitable giving**.

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- The Daughters of Penelope's **commitment to education** has also been well documented throughout its history and also recognizes female athletes at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels with scholarships, accolades and in some cases, induction into our Athletic Hall of Fame.
- In addition, through our members, **the Daughters of Penelope communicates to elected representatives at the federal, state, and local levels, as well as diplomatic leaders**, the positions of the Greek-American community on issues of concern to it.
- **It is also our civic responsibility to provide affordable housing to senior citizens.** The AHEPA Housing Corporation has been awarded over \$400 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The total number of senior housing complexes stands at 91, with over 4,750 units complete, and more in development.



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## FACTS

- Advancing philanthropy with over \$300,000 in charitable donations towards Daughters of Penelope national projects
- Awarded over \$100,000 in Daughters of Penelope educational scholarships
- Donated \$60,000 to Meals on Wheels America to help address senior isolation and hunger
- Launched a fundraising initiative together with AHEPA in support of the rebuilding of the St. Nicholas Shrine at the World Trade Center collecting over \$50,000
- Donated over \$10,000 in gifts to the children of Saint Basil Academy
- Raised over \$10,000 to host cultural events to promote Hellenism and women
- Raised over \$20,000 to host events towards promoting and celebrating outstanding women inside and outside the organization

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## FACTS

- Provided support to Penelope House Family Domestic Violence Shelter in Mobile, AL, Penelope's Place Family Domestic Violence Shelter in Brockton, MA, and WIN Hellas Family Domestic Violence Hotline in Athens, Greece
- Developed strategies to launch civic responsibility campaigns to support issues important to the organization's mission to be discussed on Capitol Hill such as Domestic Violence Awareness
- Helped grow the Victim's Rights Caucus grow through action alerts
- Increased membership in the Congressional Hellenic Caucus which led to co-sponsorship of legislation supporting United States - Greece relations.
- Led successful efforts to strengthen federal investment in programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) in Congress
- Championing excellence by providing youth academic and athletic scholarships worldwide

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS/DEADLINES

- Per Capita is \$40
- Please communicate with your chapters and ask chapters to remit dues for the New Year between January and June.
- National Obligations are due March 31
- New Year's Package to Chapter Presidents including scholarship and award applications, chapter and district forms, and convention information, etc.
- Penelope's Scroll deadlines are January 15 and June 15. Please submit articles to [penopesscroll@gmail.com](mailto:penopesscroll@gmail.com).
- Daughters of Penelope Headquarters files an e-postcard for each Chapter and District in the Daughters of Penelope.
- New Website!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS/DEADLINES

- The Daughters of Penelope is pleased to announce to its members, friends and supporters the establishment of a DOP Supreme Convention Ad Book.
- Our hope is that every chapter, district and even individual members will place an ad or listing in our yearbook. Details on how to place an ad or listing is available online on our website under the Forms tab under Forms & More – Supreme Convention. The book will be digital as of 2024 and ads will be \$100.
- Our Penelope’s Emporium catalog and order form can be found on our website at [www.daughtersofpenelope.org](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org) under the Forms tab under Resources.
- Please also visit our CaféPress store for additional customized DOP merchandise at <https://www.cafepress.com/dophq>.



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## EIN'S & 990N POSTCARDS

- What is an EIN? An Employer Identification Number (EIN) is also known as a Federal Tax Identification Number, and is used to identify your chapter. Each chapter and district of the Daughters of Penelope must have their own EIN and must update their bank accounts with their EIN.

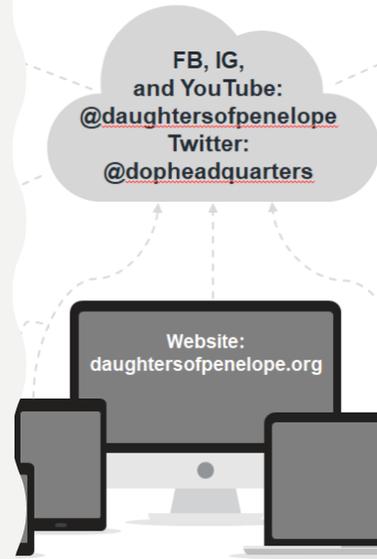
### *501(c)10 Chapter and District E-Postcards:*

- In 2008, DOP Headquarters notified each chapter that a new IRS procedure was in effect. This procedure mandated that every chapter with gross receipts less than \$50,000 under the AHEPA tax exempt umbrella needed to file an annual online e-postcard or IRS Form 990-N (Chapters and Districts must have an EIN to file an e-postcard). This filing is due by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of the chapter's tax year.
- In order to eliminate the risk of our chapters losing their tax exempt status, Daughters of Penelope Headquarters files an e-postcard for each Chapter and District in the Daughters of Penelope. Chapters and district can view copies of their filed 990-N's via the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). However any chapter with gross receipts over \$50,000 in any tax year must seek professional tax advice in their local jurisdictions and notify Headquarters. An IRS form 990 may be required instead of the e-postcard.

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## LET'S CONNECT!

- When creating social media accounts, include the chapter/district name and location in the title.
- The bio should include a brief description about the DOP and chapter/district.
- Please keep posts positive and diplomatic.



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## MEMBERSHIP PORTAL

- Headquarters' online membership system provides the top four District Officers & the top four Chapter Officers easy access to information.
- Portal provides the ability to download reports such as rosters and labels
- For information on how to access including a tutorial on the membership system, please go to [www.daughtersofpenelope.org](http://www.daughtersofpenelope.org) and click on the MEMBERS tab.
- The top four Chapter Officers have the ability to pay for members' dues, edit contact information for members, and download membership cards.
- Individual members have the ability to edit their contact information and download their membership card.

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